

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 162**  
**HONORING FIREFIGHTER BENJAMIN POLSTON**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the sudden passing of St. Louis Firefighter Benjamin Polston; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Polson tragically died Thursday, January 13, 2022 courageously fighting a house fire and searching for persons trapped; and

**WHEREAS**, he attended Vianney High School, was a Missouri state alumni, graduated with an MBA from Drury University and earned a law degree from University of Missouri – Kansas City; and

**WHEREAS**, he joined the St. Louis Fire Department on November 10, 2019 and was most recently assigned to Engine House Number 13, located at Ridge and Shawmut Place in the heart of the Hamilton Heights Neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a hockey player, philosopher, dancer and fisherman; and

**WHEREAS**, he was also a member of the International Association of Firefighters Local 73 and was the beloved son of retired Fire Captain James Polson (michelle) and Susan Polson; and

**WHEREAS**, he was best friend and brother to Rebecca Slay and brother-in-law, Kevin Slay; loving grandson to Patricia Polson and he was a treasured nephew, step-brother, and true friend who will be greatly missed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to send our condolences to the family of Firefighter Benjamin Polston and by adoption of this Resolution wish to join in with those celebrating his life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022 by:**

**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Lewis Reed, President Board of Aldermen**

**The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Dwinderlin Evans, Alderwoman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable James Page, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable John Coatar, Alderman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderwoman 12<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 24<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**